

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicants Attorney (Joe N. Bock, Reg No. 36,456), on March 24, 2008, without traverse.

#### **The amended claim 89 as follows:**

Claim 89. (Currently Amended)

In claim 89, line 2, delete -- fresher-- after phrase "one notch is", and insert -- further --" after phrase "one notch is".

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The reason for allowance of claims 1-3, 59-61, 64-66, 69-74, 80-81, 84-85 and 88-89, set forth in the previous office action dated on 8/16/2007 are not repeated herein, but are incorporated by reference. As applicants properly point out in the previous remark, the prior art (Ishikawa and Bankart) references fail to disclose the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Contact Information**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seyed Azarian whose telephone number is (571) 272-7443. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella, can be reached at (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Seyed Azarian/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624

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